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1. AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION WHEN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PEACE CORPS RESIGNS OR COMPLETES ASSIGNMENT OVERSEAS, THE EMPLOYEE IS PAID IN CASH OR IS GIVEN A GTR FOR RETURN TRAVEL TO HIS OR HER HOME ADDRESS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE PEACE CORPS PROVIDED MR. SCOTT AS WELL AS OTHER PCV'S WITH FUNDS FOR THEIR RETURN TO THE U.S., THEREFORE, NO REIMBURSEMENT IS DUE FROM THE PEACE CORPS. THE DEPARTMENT CAN NOT ALSO FUND THE RETURN TRAVEL OF FORMER PCV'S HIRED BY ICEM IN BANGKOK SINCE THE PEACE CORPS HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYEES. SUCH CHARGES ARE DISALLOWED AS IMPROPER EXPENSES UNDER THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT. ICEM SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FROM MR. SCOTT SHOULD THEY WISH TO RECOVER SUCH EXPENSES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT RETURN TRAVEL OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WAS NEVER CONSIDERED OR INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT WITH ICEM.

2. REGARDING PARA 2, REFTEL B, D/HA DOES NOT AGREE WITH
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ICEM'S ASSUMPTION THAT PER DIEM CHARGES FOR MR. SCOTT ARE

A PROPER CHARGE TO THE THAILAND PROGRAM. SUCH OBJECTION
WAS THE BASIS OF REFTEL A. THE 3,600 DOLLARS

BUDGETED FOR TWO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WAS FOR HIRING IN THE
WASHINGTON AREA. D/HA DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MOVEMENT OF AN
ICEM/BANGKOK EMPLOYEE TO WASHINGTON, D. C. AND PAYMENT
OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE WAS NECESSARY. THE MISSION
SHOULD THEREFORE ALSO DISALLOW SUCH SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE
CHARGES FOR MR. SCOTT AND SO INFORM ICEM. KISSINGER

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